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In re Patent Application of: )  
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For: STORAGE AREA NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, METHOD, AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

*Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231*

*Sir:*

Before examination of the above-mentioned patent application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 4, line 26, change "Fig. 5 is a diagram" to --Figs. 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), and 5(d) are diagrams--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 12, line 1, change "w hen" to --when--.

**REMARKS**

The application is amended to improve form.

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